



Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done everyone for a fabulous and fun-filled term. This week has been exceptional for all the Christmas festivities that the children have been enjoying.

Tuesday saw the whole school attend All Saints Church for a series of Christmas services organised into our 'small schools'. It was really lovely to see each class tell aspects of the Christmas story in unique and varied ways. To share this together in a beautiful and tranquil setting, was the perfect way to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many thanks to all the parent helpers who were able to assist us on the day – your contribution was very much appreciated.

On Monday and Wednesday, our school choir continued with their carol singing within our community, this time travelling as far afield as Wickham, to Normandy Court care home, and then closer to home, Green Meadows care home. These moments are beautiful to behold, as the mutual feeling of warmth and generosity really encapsulate the Christmas spirit of shared love and community.

Thursday saw us all enjoy a festive, Christmas lunch, buoyed along with our Christmas jumper wearing, Christmas crackers, Christmas music and whole lot of help and support on the day, provided once again, by our wonderful PTA. I really would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Windsor and the whole of the PTA for your efforts this term – you have all been wonderful. Much like the Elves and the Shoe Maker, much of your efforts go unseen by the vast majority, but you have all been magnificent both in front and behind the scenes.

And not all activities this week have been Christmas focussed. Upper school finished off their DT projects at the end of last week, cooking and testing their delicious smelling enchilada creations. We were grateful to receive a donation from Asda of cooking equipment to help with this, which Mr Earl collected.





We were also treated on Monday, to two fantastic Ukelele concerts, ably led by Mr Hoskins, our music specialist from the Hampshire Music Service as part of the Listen2Me programme the school has invested in. To see a whole class of children, performing with such enjoyment is wonderful and for you as parents, another proud moment.

Finally, thank you for all your help, support and kindness this term. This means an awful lot to us all here at Denmead Junior School. We continue to be committed to each and every one of your children, as we do our absolute best to give your children the very best education and memorably, enjoyable experience as we possibly can.

Wishing you all a very warm and peaceful Christmas.

Looking forward to seeing you all on WEDNESDAY 4th January (Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day!).

Kind regards,

A. Clarke

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

KEY INFORMATION THIS WEEK:

- Email reminder to Year 5 re swimming (begins Friday 6th January)

FIRST WEEK BACK:

Tuesday 3rd

INSET DAY

Wednesday 4th

****The first day back for children****

Thursday 5th

Rescheduled Clarinet concerts: Egypt @ 10.30am & C/Verde @ 11.15am

Friday 6th

Year 5 swimming lessons begin (pm)



OUTDOOR LEARNING SCHEDULE:

	UPPER: MONDAY & TUESDAY						LOWER: THURSDAY & FRIDAY					
	Mongolia	Bermuda**	Cape Verde	Philippines	USA	Djibouti	Qatar	Aruba	Egypt	Indonesia	Panama	Seychelles
w/b 2 nd January		**										
w/b 9 th January	All day 10/1											
w/b 16 th January												
w/b 23 rd January												
w/b 30 th January												
w/b 6 th February									All day 9/2			

****BERMUDA:** This half term, your outdoor learning is scheduled for the second week:
Monday 9th (am) + Thursday 12th (am)**

For next half term, YEAR 4 will be asked to bring in a 2-litre plastic bottle & YEAR 6 will need to bring in a lidded jar please – we'll send reminders!

CALENDAR (new additions will appear in red):

FEBRUARY	
10 th	INSET day
13 th	Half term week
MARCH	
2 nd	World Book Day
7 th	Sibling & class group photos
8 th	Year 6 Trip to Mary Rose
9 th	Year 5 Trip to Mary Rose
31 st	Last day of term
APRIL	
3 rd -16 th	Easter Holidays
17 th	First day back
26 th – 28 th	Year 4 Calshot residential week
MAY	
1 st	Bank Holiday
8 th	New Coronation Bank Holiday
w/c 8 th	SATS week
w/c 30 th	Half term week
JUNE	
26 th	INSET day
JULY	
21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish tbc



PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Class	Child	Reason
Egypt	Leo	<i>For showing respect, excellence and curiosity this week. Leo set a beautiful example of showing respect to classroom resources this week, which inspired others to take more pride in our class bookshelf. His effort in maths has also been fantastic- well done!</i>
Qatar	Natalie	<i>For always showing that she is ready to learn. Natalie always expresses how much she loves learning and consistently demonstrates sheer determination to complete all of her learning even when it is challenging.</i>
Indonesia	Tilly	<i>For showing resilience and determination when responding to feedback during her DT day.</i>
Panama	Joshua	<i>For improving his presentation in his maths book. Josh has listened to feedback and has worked really hard to lay out his drawings neatly and clearly. Well done Josh!</i>
Seychelles	Parker	<i>For concentration. For his excellent engagement in maths recently working on fractions. Especially pleasing to hear that he employs his learning powers with all adults.</i>
Djibouti	Alaska	<i>For showing determination in her maths work this week. She identified an area that she was finding tricky, could explain the process that was confusing and sought support to overcome the obstacle. Well done Alaska!</i>
Philippines	Summer	<i>For great effort in all lessons but particularly for showing excellent control with gymnastic skills and confidence in Spanish lessons. Well Done!</i>
USA	Lucas	<i>For his positive attitude to all aspects of school life and always trying his best. Particularly for his determination when reading music</i>
Bermuda	Ryan	<i>For attacking his English writing with enthusiasm despite missing part of the learning journey. Ryan used the subjunctive form to ensure his letter to the King was written formally.</i>
Cape Verde	Ruby	<i>For showing excellence in all her written work and working as part of a team to self – improve and give verbal feedback.</i>



Christmas Services 2022

Sun 11th Dec 10.00am Gift Service

At this service we bring gifts and toys to be given to the Stop Domestic Abuse charity.

Sat 17th Dec 3.30pm Messy Church

Please join with us for messy activities, crafts, singing and prayers as we explore the nativity story. Messy Church is ideal for young families with pre-school/primary aged children. Refreshments/snack included too.

Sun 18th Dec 6.00pm Carol Service

Set amongst sparkly lights and glowing candles, join with us for a traditional mix of Carols and Readings followed by refreshments and mince pies in our church hall. At this service we will take a retiring collection in support of The Rowans.

Christmas Eve 3.00pm Christingle
5.00pm Christingle

This year we are hosting two identical Christingle services – so you chose what time suits you best... Come and build your own Christingle as we raise money for the work of The Children's Society. Ideal for young and old!

Christmas Eve 11.15pm Midnight Mass

Please join us for this late-night service as we welcome in Christmas morning!

Christmas Day 8.00am Traditional Communion Service

Please join with us for a traditional BCP service including a couple of Christmas carols!

Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Celebration

A Christmas Celebration for all ages – including carols, prayers and a talk followed by:
10.45am Simple, said Communion

Christmas Rocks

AS PART OF THE FACEBOOK GROUP 'DENMEAD ROCKS' WE INVITE YOU TO DECORATE CHRISTMAS THEMED ROCKS AND SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS TO ALL IN DENMEAD. ALSO, BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ROCKS THAT TELL THE CHRISTMAS STORY. IF YOU FIND A ROCK, TAKE PHOTO AND PASTE ON 'DENMEAD ROCKS', AND THEN RE-HIDE FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO ENJOY!



Count the Stars

POP INTO ALL SAINTS CHURCH ANYTIME BETWEEN THE 17TH DECEMBER AND THE 5TH OF JANUARY AND COUNT HOW MANY STARS YOU CAN SEE HIDDEN IN THE CHRISTMAS FLORAL DISPLAYS. IN OUR WELCOME AREA THERE WILL BE A SHORT FORM TO COMPLETE. FILL IN HOW MANY STARS YOU COUNTED... THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEW YEAR - WITH A PRIZE OF £25!

